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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Basis for statement in connection with budget presentation.

1. Pursuant to our conversation of yesterday morning, I am submitting to you herewith a brief statement which you may have occasion to refer to in connection with your justification of the portion of the CIA budget attributable to OPC.

2. I should think that it would be most advisable to emphasize the fact that the program of OPC is an entirely new line of activity which CIA has been directed to undertake by the National Security Council.

(You might mention that the greatest importance is attached to this program by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense and the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council.)

3. You might deem it advisable to refer to the fact that the desirability of a program of this character was actually suggested to you by certain Senators and Congressmen at or about the time of last year's budget presentation.

5. With the foregoing admonitions, I believe that you might mention a few examples of the kinds of activities and specific operations in which OPC is engaged. The following are representative examples:

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